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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF
30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. £ Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL,... 80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND,... 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris,
LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St.,
E.C.
AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Mar-
seilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta,
St. Denis (ile de la Réunion), Hong-
kong, Shanghai and Yokohama.
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England,
Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum, on the
monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed
Deposits at rates which may be ascertained
at the offices.

CHR. DE GUIGNE,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,... 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,... 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELLINGS, Esq.
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Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.
Manager.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG,

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-
year ending on 31st December last,
at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say
\$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable
on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant,
at the Offices of the Corporation, where
Shareholders are requested to apply for
Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged
from what it has been before, and by
that means elegance or worthlessness can
be discerned. A story should be judged
by its true or false bearings, so that right
and wrong may be distinguished. These
remarks apply to the case in which Messrs
Tsang and Woo Tak were, on
the 27th day of the 10th moon last year
(24th November 1875), slandered by Lai
Ming Chun.

Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin
Tak have been residing for more than ten
years in Hongkong and have always been
employed in representing Nam Pak Hong
in their transactions with foreigners.
While their character stands high, their con-
dition is excellent, and they have for a long
time been respected by both Chinese
and foreigners. They have not only not
done a name that is approaching to any-
thing improper, but they have not in the
course of all their actions done anything
objectionable. Unexpectedly, however,
slander came upon them unawares, but of
course, when virtue stands high, reproach
will come. They were therefore falsely
charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which
was void of all truth, with selling people
for emigration abroad. They are indeed la-
bouring under a false imputation from which
it is now difficult for them to clear themselves.
Our office, therefore, in punishing
Lai Ming Chun for having done what he
ought not to have done, orders him—and he
consents—to pay the sum of \$600, the amount
of legal expenses; he has also by way of
punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box
for the benefit of the Hongkong Poor. He
is further punished by having to pay the
expenses of advertising in the Chinese
and foreign newspapers in the Colony,
three of each, for the period of one month,
a notice which will bring before the public
his sin in this defamation. Reparations
like these will, perhaps, alay in a measure
the indignation which Messrs Tsang and
Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others
he ought in the first instance to en-
quire whether he himself is unblemished.
Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is
not one who is numbered among the
gentry, nor is his name pronounced by
the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely
dilates in slanderous language and spreads
diffusely by word of mouth stories to the
dilement and pollution of (the good name of)
Messrs Tsang and Woo. It was right
therefore that Messrs Tsang and Woo
sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice,
and he was on the eve of being punished by
the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately,
however, Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity
is expansive as the sea and as capacious
as the ocean, and they deal with people
liberally; with that end in view,
they therefore prefer, instead of punishing
him, as he rightly deserves, to forgive
him of the enormous crime of which
he has been guilty. Having ceased
litigation now, they have no resentment
against any one, and by so doing,
they cherish the friendly tie that exists
amongst the Chinese clans. They have
also shewn that in doing this they are
inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake
of a great warning. They are indeed fully
sustaining the benevolent principles of the
great men, and for this act of theirs, may
the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs
Tsang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL
CIRCULATING HERALD
(TSUN WAN YAT PO).

Hongkong, February 19, 1876. mc19

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

THE principles of right or wrong will
reveal themselves in course of time,
and this saying is clearly set forth in the
History of China. When undue reliance is
placed on statements by word of mouth, a
good argument is always wanting, and this
is what the Book of Changes has always
guarded people against. If a man is not
guilty of anything seriously wrong, is it
likely that he will submit himself to be
held?

With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is
indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who
has no regard for anything. On the 27th
day of the 10th Moon last year (24th
November 1875), he slandered Messrs
Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by
falsey accusing them of being engaged in
the nefarious trade of selling people for
the purposes of emigration, and that in their
transactions they were in fact kidnappers.
And finally, he recorded the same in the
Tsun Wan Yat Po, that is to say Messrs Tsang and
Woo had thought of suing him before the local
authorities, so that he might be punished
for libelling people's character. Fortunately
for him, however, Lai Ming Chun learnt
in time of his own wrong in
slanderizing the character of good men, and
now he has voluntarily consented to pay
the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in
the sum of \$600, and to pay also (into the
poor box) \$25, for the benefit of the Hong-
kong poor; also, from his own funds, to
pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese
and foreign newspapers, three of each,
for the period of one month, an article,
in order to redeem himself from what he has
been guilty of. But this, nevertheless,
would not actually be sufficient to cover
the stormy life of his sin. The reason
why Messrs Tsang and Woo condescended
to these terms was because they had been
advised by intimate friends, who urged
that, insomuch as both parties were
Chinese, how could they, Messrs Tsang and
Woo, have the heart to see him (Lai Ming
Chun) put in a gaol of the foreigners? So

that it would be far better that they should
forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by
way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs
Tsang and Woo's magnanimity proved to
be as expansive as the sea and as capacious
as the ocean, and it was thus that the
matter was put an end to. This is sufficient
to show that Messrs Tsang and Shun
are peaceful and quiet men, and that they
have done a very good act. But Lai Ming
Chun is a man who is very much conceited
(it is the night pedestrian who thinks a
great deal of himself), and one who easily
dilates in satire and railing. He began
life in a very mean position, and is not of
the pure and white. While in a mercantile
position, he, moreover, offends his super-
iors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary
were he to be banished beyond the
frontiers, nor would it be too much were
he to be put to the sword (it is under the
axe). Now that he is only fined in so
small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune
that he has escaped greater consequences.

ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1876. mc19

* This has reference to a Chinese story, which,
in its moral, is very similar to the Frog and Bull
story in *Æsop's Fables*.—Translator.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth
Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders of
the above Company, will be held at the
Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 24th March, 1876, at 3 o'clock
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, together with a Statement
of Accounts to 31st December, 1875.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be closed from the 11th to the 24th
March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

OLYPHANT & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1876. mc24

NAVAL CONTRACT 1876-7.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will
be received by the Undersigned, until
Noon on SATURDAY, the 11th March,
1876, from Persons desirous of supplying
the following Articles for the use of H. M.
Navy for the Year 1876-7, viz.:—

FRESH BEER, TEA,
VEGETABLES, RAISINS,
RICE, WATER,
SUGAR, SOFT BREAD,
BISCUIT.

Printed Forms of Tender, and further
particulars, can be obtained at the Naval
Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any
tender is reserved.

JOHN BREMNER,
Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard.

Hongkong, February 26, 1876. mc19

ORIENTAL TELEGRAM AGENCY.

FROM this date all Messages for Europe
will be forwarded at the following
rate:—

84 For the First Word.
82 For each Extra Word.
Registration free, if by letter. If by
wire, \$2 only would be charged.

GEO. HOLMES.

2, Peddar's Hill.

Hongkong, March 6, 1876. mc13

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend
to Dec. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per
share, can be obtained at the Office on or
after 29th February.

By Order,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1876. ap1

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-
partnership from the First day of
January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-
brokers at this Port, under the style of
Morris & Ray.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.

Bank Building,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our
Firm at Haiphong and Hainan. Mr
E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by
procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell
by Public Auction, at their Sale
Room, Praya on

FRIDAY,

the 10th March, 1876, at Noon.—

An Assortment of Framed Engravings;
Cash Boxes; Glass, Screw-top Inkstands;

Shell Boxes; Watch Glasses; Leather
Furses; Butcher's Knives; Sewing
Needles; Electro-plated Ware; Hammers;

Pipes; Trays, &c.

Also,

1 case Mirrors.

1 Large Iron Safe.

Fire-proof Iron Safes, 24 to 36 inches.

Intimation.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1876.

And all Persons being Indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned their several Debts without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors for the Executors.
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 22, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
CONCERT COMPANY,
FRIDAY, March 10.
LAST PERFORMANCE OF THE
COMPANY.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF COLONEL DICKINS AND THE OFFICERS
OF THE 28TH REGIMENT.

By kind permission of
SPLENDID BAND OF THE REGIMENT
Will assist during the Evening.

TO-MORROW Evening, March 10.
ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME,
CONSISTING OF:

NEW SELECTIONS FROM THE
GRAND DUCHESS,
MARITANA, AD LA FILLE DE
MADAME ANGOT.

NEW AND POPULAR BALLADS,
NEW SONGS AND DANCES,

NEW GRAND CHORUSES,

NEW SKETCHES, &c., &c.

REMEMBER, LAST NIGHT,

At the Company's sail for Australia on
Saturday, at Noon.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

The Dress Circle.....\$2.

Stalls and Back Seats.....1.

Chairs ordered for 11.30.

Doors open at 1 p.m., commence at 9.

Box Office at City Hall.

M. L. RAPHAEL, Manager.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"MENZALEH,"

Captain PASQUALINI will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA

on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at 8 a.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"HOOGLY,"

Captain MONTMAIT, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI

on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at 10 a.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

FOR SHANGHAI

(Taking through Cargo for CHEFOO and
TIENTIN.)

The Steamship
"GLEVERN,"

Capt. Auld, will be despatched
at above on SATURDAY

the 11th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

(Taking through Cargo for MELBOURNE.)

The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BHISBANE,"

Captain BALFOUR, will be
despatched as above on TUESDAY Next.

the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
"PENGUIN,"

Captain CORWELL, will leave
for the above Ports on

SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

"ARATON APOAR,"

Capt. MC GAVISH, will leave
for the above Ports on

SATURDAY Next, the 18th instant, at

3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship

"MARY WHITRIDGE,"

CUTLER, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will

have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. HOOGLY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.

"Euphrate," from London, in con-

nection with the above Steamer, are hereby

informed that their Goods are being

landed and stored at their risk at the

Company's Godowns, whence delivery may

be obtained from Friday, the 10th instant,

at 10 o'clock a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees before 4 p.m. To-day, request

it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unlaid after TUES-

DAY, the 16th March, at Noon, will be

subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.

Venice, are hereby informed

that owing to the delay in taking delivery,

all Cargo now on board will be landed by

the Undersigned at their Godowns at East

Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The M. M. steamer HOOGLY reports: fine weather till near Hongkong, then experienced thick weather.

The British steamer WASHI reports: thick weather till reaching the Mandarin's Cap Rock Island to port strong N.E. monsoon and heavy head seas.

The British barque Annie Gray reports: first part light winds and fine weather, the latter part heavy weather.

CARGO.

Per PEIHO, for Continent, 698 bales Silk, 9 bales Waste, 11 cases Silk Piece Goods, 57 cases Sundries. For London, 470 bales Silk, 1,405 cheats Tea, 104 half-cheats Tea, 1,370 boxes Tea, 23 cases Pongee Silk, 11 cases Silk Piece Goods, 12 cases Sundries, 1 case (1,151.37 oz.) Gold Treasure.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

FOR AMOY & SHANGHAI.

Per PATROCLUS, at 9.30 a.m. Tomorrow, the 10th instant instead of as previously notified.

For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON.

Per STENTOR, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For BANGKOK.

Per TAUNTON, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.

Per French Mail Packet MENZALEH, at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th inst.

For SHANGHAI.

Per French Mail Packet HOOGLY, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the 11th inst.

Late Letters from 9.10 to 9.30 a.m.

For SHANGHAI.

Per English Mail leaves for Port of Call and Europe.

Goods per PATROCLUS undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 16.—

Noon—English Mail leaves for Port of Call and Europe.

Goods per PATROCLUS undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per HOOGLY undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

SATURDAY, March 18.—

3 p.m.—Penguin leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

3 p.m.—Arratoon Aspar leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

TUESDAY, March 21.—

Noon—Sale of "Overbeck Court."

FRIDAY, March 24.—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.

SATURDAY, April 1.—

8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Belgic leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interests on Victoria

nience. The station sought to be erected is independent of the existing one which levied only a Lekin Tax. If China says our native contemporary, possesses the right to levy taxes at all, she should exercise it with the least possible convenience. So if the Macao authorities would not have the barrier station at Pater Island, she should place one in Ma-low-chow, the place where the Lekin Tax station is situated. It recommends, however, that the Viceroy should put down arbitrary arrests by the Customs officials and reorganise the whole system.

The *Chung Ngai San Po* (the Chinese issue of the *Daily Press*) records an attack on a junk bound from Hongkong for Tiki Hoi, a place in Sun-ning. The piratical craft was disguised as a Government cruiser and boarded the passage boat on the pretext of searching for smuggled goods. When once on board, some of the pirates kept all the men at bay, while others proceeded to ransack the boat with the greatest coolness, and succeeded in making away with money and property over the value of \$10,000. Most of the passengers were returned emigrants from California, and all their hard-earned savings were unmercifully carried away. This accounts for the large sum of money which the pirates were successful enough in securing. It adds that some of the pirates have been at Macao.

The *Universal Circulating Herald* notices the Wu-sung railroad difficulty. It also records the robbery on the Tiki Hoi passage boat. Its account is different somewhat from that of the *Chung Ngai San Po*. It says the pirates boarded in small boats, and that great resistance was offered by those in the passage boat. Shots were exchanged, but the pirates were victorious. Stinkpots were thrown into the hold, the explosion of which killed two seamen. The rascals succeeded in running away with goods and money to the value of more than \$10,000.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We learn that two divers to be employed at the wreck of the *Japan* have arrived from England, so that we may soon expect to hear that operations to recover the treasure have been resumed. We are given to understand, however, that some of the diving apparatus was on board the ill-fated *Orestes*, which may cause some delay.

We understand that telegrams have been received announcing the total loss of the Ocean Steamship Co.'s vessel *Orestes*, off Galle on her outward voyage. She is reported to have gone down in 15 fathoms, but fortunately there has not been any loss of life. The agents of the O. S. S. Company have, later in the day, informed us that the *Orestes* struck on the Gindura Rock, near Galle, and that no lives were lost. The *Orestes*, it will be remembered, was the last addition but one to the fine fleet of the O. S. S. Co., and was a fine large two funnelled boat.

We understand there is a chance of a Choral Festival being held at the Cathedral about Easter time, similar to the one held three years since. About twenty ladies have promised their assistance. The music on the occasion is to be Mendelssohn's *Cantata "Lauda Sion,"* and the object of the festival is to raise a little fund (at a collection) for replacing some stops in the Organ, damaged by climate and age. The first practice will be held in a few days. The musical portion of the festival will be under the direction of Mr. Sangster, who, we hear, is endeavouring to get all the vocal element in the Colony so as to form as full a Chorus as possible.

In pursuance of an invitation from the Curator of the Museum, some of the leading Chinese met the Hon. Wm. Keswick and the Curator to-day (9th inst.) at the City Hall. Those present were:—Messrs Leong On, Lynn King Wan (Messrs Decter's Comprador); Lee Tuk Cheong, Chun Ayin, Kwong Kee, and Ng Chui Sow (Messrs Douglas Lapraik's Comprador). The object of the meeting was to invoke the assistance of the Chinese in raising funds to extend the Museum by the purchase of curious objects for exhibition, and the building of an aquarium. The Hon. Mr. Keswick spoke on the usefulness of the institution, and asked the Chinese to co-operate in making the museum a place of amusement and instruction to the Chinese. It was intended to get out models of iron-clads, guns &c., articles illustrating natural science and progress. A portion of the sum raised would be thus devoted, while the balance would be employed in alterations to the building and in specimens of natural history. Those present, through Mr. Leong On, said they would be very glad to subscribe themselves, but it would perhaps be difficult for them to undertake the business of raising subscriptions. After a consultation among themselves, it was agreed that they would resolve themselves into a Committee for raising subscriptions, and promised all the assistance in their power, being fully aware of the valuable and instructive nature of

such an institution. When the meeting was over, they were courteously shown into every part of the Building, and they expressed themselves highly pleased.

The following telegram is published in the *Press* of this morning:—

London, March 6.—A Select Committee has been appointed to enquire into the serious depreciation of silver.

The Prince of Wales's tour in India is a continued success. He had splendid sport in Nepal.

Mr. Cave's Report on Egyptian Finance is favourable. He says the resources of the country are sufficient.

Don Carlos has been forbidden to enter France. He has arrived in London and still maintains his right to the Throne of Spain.

Washington intelligence is to the effect that Mr. Belknap has resigned on account of the disclosure of the sale of public posts. Congress has impeached him.

RETURNS of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending March 8th, 1876:

	European	Chinese.
Thursday, Mar. 2nd,	46	5,900
3rd,	44	3,440
Friday,	9	3,120
Saturday,	20	Sunday
Monday,	41	1,050
Tuesday,	90	693
Wednesday,	59	11
Total 809		14,214
Grand total,	14,523.	

(London and China Express, Jan. 28.)

The Hamburg correspondent says:—Regarding our communication with the Far East, very little is to be registered. On the berth there are at present the *Olympia*, s.s. (Deutsche Dampfschiffs Gesellschaft), whose departure had been postponed to the 31st Jan.; and the *Theresia Behn*, both for Singapore, &c.; the *Großherzog*, for Manila; the *Gustav and Maria*, for Hongkong; and *Lorentz Hansen*, for San Francisco. These vessels are slowly filling up, and the scarcity of cargo in these directions is fully shown by the detention of the same *Olympia*, which is by no means a large vessel.

The *Ada*, from Hongkong, which arrived on Jan. 27, and *Elizabeth*, of Rochester, were in collision off Hope Point on 27th inst.; both vessels sustained damage.

Intelligence has been received at the Admiralty from Captain Richard Bradshaw, senior officer at the Cape of Good Hope, that the *Nassau* arrived in Simon's Bay on the 17th ult. from Mozambique, and that her commander, Francis John Gray, died on the 12th ult.

A proposal is under the consideration of the creditors of Messrs. Chartron, of Lyons for payment in full, by instalments extending over about three years in all. The failure of this house caused considerable uneasiness in the silk trade.

The depreciation in the value of silver, and the low rates of exchange on India (business having been done at 1s. 3d.) continues to give much anxiety. The Times of to-day says:—The continual fall in the value of silver, and its effect, in combination with other influences, such as the depression in the Indian exchange, engage from day to day more serious attention. On each occasion, for some time past, upon which the India Council has allotted the fortnightly amount of bills that are purchased by tender, the rate has declined. The fall is at once telegraphed to India, and the price of silver there declines, which again reacts on the exchange, and by this see-saw process the one is incessantly dragging down the other, there being no counteracting influence of sufficient force in present circumstances.

The *Ada*, from Foochow, has been re-

ported this morning at St. Helena. Eight to ten guineas had been paid on her at Lloyd's.

The *Gazette* notifies the Queen's approval of the appointment of Mr. Juan M. Forbes as Consul at Hongkong for the Chilean Government.

Jan. 21, the *Star of the West*, from New York, for Shanghai, with a general cargo, has put in to Rio Janeiro, leaking badly, and will discharge for repair.

Jan. 20, the *Alexander M'Neil*, ship, Sprout, for Hongkong, has put back to Cardiff from Lundy Island, the captain having broken his leg.

The Bankruptcy Court has appointed a receiver to the estate of F. V. Andrews, an East India broker, of Mincing-lane, who has presented a petition for liquidation, estimating his liabilities at £17,000, against assets £7,000. An interim injunction was also granted restraining creditors from taking any further proceedings at law for the recovery of their debts.

The failure is announced of Mr. C. L. Huson, the surviving partner in the firm of Bland and Huson, tea and colonial brokers, of Great Tower-street. The liabilities are roughly estimated at £50,000, and the losses are understood to have been chiefly in cotton speculations.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. O. May.)

9th March, 1876.

Low Kow Ming, a coolie, was again brought up on suspicion of an attempt at burglary on a house in Third Street, Saipingpoon, and of cutting and wounding P. C. No. 90, Bragg. There being no evidence to identify the defendant with the charges, he was simply called on to give security for \$10 for three months.

LAWCOURT FROM THE PEASANT.

Wong Alam, a coolie, was charged with snatching a pair of trousers from a man in Jervois street. He was proved to have been twice in gaol. Mr. Russell sent him to six months' hard labour, and to give security thereafter in \$50 for six months.

LAWCOURT.

Chow Atak, a bricklayer, was again brought up for having in his possession an European's overcoat for which he could not account. It was proved that the coat belonged to Mr. Claude De Silve, a resident at the Mosque. The coat was stolen from his house last Friday. Three months' hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lo Asow, a coolie employed at No. 4 Station, was charged by Inspector McKinney, with unlawful possession of about three pounds of fresh beef. The defendant was a Station coolie and did not look after the

Police Mozs. From information received Inspector McKinney kept a watch and discovered the defendant in possession of the beef in question. He believed the meat belonged to the Soldiers' Mess. A book was found in the defendant's room. It contained entries of catties and tails, but of what the book was silent. There were also entries of payment but for what and to whom, the book was equally obscure. The case was remanded till the 11th.

A DESTITUTE.

James William Lake, an engineer, was brought up for being a destitute. He had been twice sent to Hospital. The defendant said he was engineer in the steamer *Calabar*. He was in Hospital in Saigon for six weeks for dysentery. He left Saigon and came up in the *Sinch*, paying his own expenses, as he had some money. He could not get into a boarding house and had to live in a Chinese house until he had exhausted his means. He had been to the Harbour Master, who, however, would not have anything to do with him. Mr. Russell remanded the case till the 13th.

PEKING.

(News.)

Our Peking Correspondent writes that the winter is over, and there has really been no cold weather to speak of. About ten flakes of snow fell on morning in December, which is all the moisture Peking has experienced for the last three months. A variety of reports have been current among the Chinese regarding the Emperor's health. He has had small-pox, measles, typhoid fever, indigestion, sore throat, and a number of other unpleasant ailments attributed to his sacred person; the fact being, apparently, that he has been a little out of sorts.

There is no other news of special interest, except the removal of Yang Yu-k'o from the Command-in-Chief of the provincial army in Yunnan, which he has been holding as an acting appointment since last May. It is not hinted whether this has any political significance.

CHINA.

(SHANGHAI.)

The steamer *Ping-On* reports that the drum shaft of the Takasima coal mine is broken, and that it cannot be repaired in less than two weeks time from date. We also hear, by her, that the Mitsu Bishi Company have reduced their rates of freight and passage money, in anticipation of the coming P. & O. opposition.

We notice that the Fort opposite Saint Catherine's bridge is again tenanted, and the soldiers have been busy during the past week increasing the height of the ramparts and parapet.

The news lately received from the north, that the ice had broken up in the Peiho river, resulted in the departure of three steamers by each of the three principal lines in Shanghai, at an early hour on the 1st March, an arrangement having been made to all start fair. The China *Haining*, *Thales*, and *Taku*. The S. S. N. Co., the *Chih*, *Shansi*, and *Shantung*. The China Merchants' Co., the latest additions to their fleet, the *Pautha*, *Fangshun*, and *Lee Yuen*. Of course there will be a race, and some interest is expressed as to which vessel will arrive first at Tientsin. We hope none of them will pile themselves on the Shantung Promontory, in their anxiety to cut the corner too fine.

The *Taku*, we believe, got away a little before 4 a.m., and all the others just after.

The *Ki* *Yue* reports having met the former about ten miles ahead of the fleet.

The *Ningpo*, arriving later, reports her only four miles ahead, the *Fangshun*, *Pautha*, *Haining* and *Shansi* all close together, next; and the *Shantung*, *Chih* and *Thales*, a little behind these. The *Lee Yuen* got away soon after noon.

(Courier.)

We hear from Chinese sources of local troubles in the province of Chekiang. The story goes that there lives a petty mandarin at a place called Yu-yuan, some thirty miles from Ningpo, who was formerly connected with the Taipings rebellion; and it seems that this man has been stirring up strife.

Indeed he has armed a number of Chinese, and is fighting against the authorities;

though on what pretence, or with what object, we have failed to learn. We give the facts for what they may be worth, but if the affair is at all serious we shall no doubt hear more about it later on.

A sharp reaction is setting in Sterling exchange; rates for Bank bills have advanced to-day (1st March) to 5s. 2d. at 5s. 3d. for 6 months' sight; credits were done early in the day 5s. 3d.

It is not surprising that such a rise should occur, the rates having sunk to a point unduly low during a state of panic. If silver can be sold in London at 6s. 4d., shipments of the metal

would make a remittance of 6s. 4d. per tael, which is of course better than a six month's sight bill at the same rate. This is without calculating on the gold which can usually be extracted, by the more delicate

means at command of the English refiners, from Chinese Syce, and which, of course, improves the outturn of a remittance.

Merchants would probably hesitate to ship Silver, as doubts may be felt as to the

maintenance of the rate at home; this difficulty may be overcome, however, as it

is possible to sell by telegram. Gold is not procurable in quantity in China, but, as its

price has not advanced here in anything like the proportion it bears to the value of Silver, it is worth attention as a remittance.

Small remittents might avail of Chinese Imperial Bonds, which are obtainable at quotations, which however is not the case.

Indeed he has condemned to be imprisoned for two years and a half for having transgressed the 18th article of the newspaper regulations, in saying that the sword of the fleet

could easily destroy the iron castle of an

impoverished government.

Mr. Miyamoto, who wrote an offensive letter which appeared in the *Saifu Shimbun*, has been fined twenty yen and condemned to be imprisoned for three months.

Various relics of antiquity which have been preserved from time to time in the Buddhist temples throughout the empire, are to be collected in the two monasteries of Kyoto, named Higashih and Nishi Honganji respectively, where they will be open to public inspection from the 1st April next for one hundred days.

The five *Satoku*, one belonging to the *Kumogashima-ken* and the others to the *Kumamoto-ken* who were taken by the police authorities on suspicion of conspiring to assassinate the *Saifu*, have been released from custody.

On the 26th instant a banquet was given by H. M. the Mikado to all the princes of the Imperial family and their wives.

A number of gun-makers in Tokio have been hired by the War Department; and are said to be under orders to leave shortly for Corea.

The most learned supporters of the Buddhist faith in Tokio have arranged to hold meetings three times during one month from the present date at the houses of Mr. Wakao, Vice-Minister of the War Department, in order to discuss religious questions.

TALLEYRAND declared on one occasion that he despised mankind. "The reason," observed *Bartes*, "is very apparent—he had pained himself too deeply."

Manila.

(Strait Times.)

The following translations from the *Diario de Manila*, furnish further information regarding the British ship *Rooke*, which was lately sunk in Manila roadstead, after fire had broken out on board of her.

Yesterday on the 7th Feb., a third and strenuous effort was to be made with the assistance of immense steam pumps, to get the ship *Rooke* afloat which, as our readers are aware, had, in November last, to be sunk off Laspiñas in order to save the vessel from being destroyed by a fire which suddenly broke out in her cargo, but the favourable results expected have not been attained and those who had contracted to raise her have decided upon giving it up.

It is believed that there is a considerable leak in the hold which the steam pumps are

not powerful enough to contend with. There are, however, wagers being laid that

the vessel may yet afloat again safe and sound.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE S. S. "GREAT REPUBLIC" will leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th March, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai; via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th proximate. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
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CARGO will be received on board until Noon; SPECIE and PARCELS at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 15th instant.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any damage or prejudice which may happen from insincerity on such declaration.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 3, 1876.

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THE S. S. "BELGIC," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 1st April, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

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G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1876.

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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, 61 each, CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

EDWARD NORTON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates.

This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL THE PROFITS of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coal in Markets, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1874.

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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1874.

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GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

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RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

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THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

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ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Hongkong, September 6, 1876.

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